



DOE RUN NEWS

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An Elder's Perspective: Dealing with an Empty Nest *by Paul Swank*

Many if not all of us have had to deal with someone leaving our homes and moving on to other aspects of their lives. Or perhaps it was a loss of a loved one with which we had to cope. We were faced with the emptiness of a space that the person or person occupied in our everyday lives. That departure may have brought grief, sadness, or maybe even relief, depending on the situation. Nevertheless, our lives were changed and we were forced to adapt to that change.

When our daughter, Kathy, left for college, I was the one who had the "empty nest syndrome". I was still recovering from a nasty case of Lyme disease and looked forward to her company after school. Her not being at home took a while for me to get over. But I gradually got used to the extra space and more bathroom availability. After she graduated from LaSalle, she moved back home for a year. My, how my concept of space had changed! When she announced her plans to share an apartment with girlfriends, I was the first to drag out the suitcases. I had coped, adapted and changed.

We at Doe Run are now faced with an empty nest. Our Minister and his wife have seen fit to move on. For some of us it brought grief and sadness; for some of us it brought indifference; for some of us it brought relief. No matter what our personal feelings we must reunite and fill our nest. Once again, it will be a rather long undertaking. (A brief outline of the process appears in this newsletter). We must embrace our interim pastor who will be sent here to help us overcome our obstacles and guide us spiritually. We must support the PNC, whoever they may be, and trust and encourage them to make the right decision. We cannot dwell in the past no matter what our feelings. If we do so, then we will not be able to deal rationally with the present and the future. We must now cope, adapt, and change.

May the Love and Peace of Christ be upon us all.

Pastor Search Process Overview *from The Presbytery of Donegal*

The following steps are meant to serve only as a brief overview of the search process. The Committee on Ministry will share a much more comprehensive outline with the Session and PNC at a later time.

1. The session works with Committee on Ministry (COM) and the Executive Presbytery to employ an interim pastor who has received specialized training in interim ministry work.
2. The session takes leadership in the congregation to do a mission study to determine future mission and ministry priorities for the church.
3. Session and COM determine the appropriate time period to proceed with the election of Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

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We remember these friends in our

prayers:

Irene Bird
Ann Croft's sister, Amy
Norman and
Doris Diem
John and Bette Downing
Kathryn Robinson



 **The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.**

Isaiah 40:8



PW Splinters by Hope Forbes

The monthly meeting of the PW Splinters will meet on Tuesday, November 7th at 11:30. Rose Ann Hamilton will be the hostess. The devotions will be held by Louise Sapper. We need to plan for the 2007 year so bring some plans with you. Doris Spencer will be teaching us a craft—an easy one I hope.

On a beautiful October day, 15 women met for an hour and half tour of the Hibernia Mansion. After the tour we went to the ballroom for tea, sandwiches, and cookies. It was a great day for fun and fellowship.

Fellowship/ Hospitality Committee

Mark your calendars: **December 9th at 7:00 pm, The Greenwood Singers Concert** at Doe Run. Refreshments will be served after the concert. If you have not heard this group you are in for a treat. They are a local family singing group that will surely put you in the Holiday Spirit. Please come! Bring your family, neighbors and Friends. This a **FREE Event**, however a love offering will be taken.

Presbyterian Women! by Lathea Moskel

Donated - **\$600.00** worth of proceeds from the Flea Market were collected and applied towards the church's deficit. Thank You to all who helped with this project.

Taking orders for Homemade **Pumpkin Rolls**, Orders are due Nov.15. Look for forms in the Bulletin or call Sherry Woodward 610-380-0181

December 7th at 7:15 pm, The Sarah circle will meet at **Sue Monaghan's** home. Program: Yankee Swap. All ladies are welcome. Please bring a gift (something small you have around the house and would love to give away (re-gift). It will be a fun, fun evening.

Turkeys for Deacons by John Graves

The Deacons will be collecting Turkeys, dry and canned goods for the Modena Family Center this year. Dry and canned goods can be dropped off in the Nicholas Room. Donors can see John Graves for details on frozen turkeys. Thanks.

Crop Walk Update by Kim Campbell

Doe Run made an outstanding contribution of \$701.00 to the Crop Walk this year!! That beats last year by a little over \$100.00. Thanks to all who walked, donated money and collected donations. We had 9 walkers and 10 people who worked hard at collecting money. The total collected for the whole Downingtown Crop walk this year went over \$23,000.00. Downingtown's Crop Walk is the 2nd largest collector for all of Church World Services' Crop Walk's in Pa.

Mission Work Survey by Suzanne Graves

The Mission Committee is interested in hearing from everyone in the congregation about the mission work they have been involved with during 2006. This mission work includes volunteer work, prayer, giving and anything one has done in Jesus name to reach out to others. It should be work that one has done apart from a committee as we will be surveying the committees separately. We will be compiling a survey of the mission work done by Doe Run for the December newsletter. Please let us know about your caring activities by contacting Suzanne Graves. All information will be kept anonymous. Thank you!

Mission Committee Update by Suzanne Graves

Copies of a letter we received in March from Caryl Weinberg, whom we have been supporting in her work with HIV/AIDs patients in Africa, are in the Nicholas room. Caryl was evacuated from Ghana for health reasons in 2005. She now serves as a missionary-in-residence with the International Health Ministries Office and the Area Office for Central and West Africa. To learn more about Caryl's work please see the PC (USA) website at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/weinberg.htm.



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4. A congregational meeting is called to elect the PNC.
5. The PNC meets with the COM liaison to organize, review the details of the pastor search process, and commit itself to an open and inclusive search.
6. The PNC completes the Church Information Form (CIF) and submits it to the session and COM for approvals.
7. The PNC selects a person to nominate to the congregation to be called as the next pastor of the church, confers with COM on the appropriateness of the person for the call, and on approval by COM prepares to nominate the person to the congregation.
8. The candidate leads worship at the church. A congregational meeting is held following worship to vote on extending a call to the candidate.
9. Presbytery votes to approve the candidate and the terms of call. A date is set and a commission of the Presbytery is approved to install the new pastor.

Doe Run Sunday School will be having a bookfair at Barnes & noble in Exton on November 24th, 25th and 26th. This is a great time to do Christmas shopping and help support the Sunday School program. Bring this voucher and present it to the cashier at your time of purchase. A percentage of your sale will go to Doe Run Sunday School. You can purchase: books (fiction, non-fiction, mystery, biographies, religion, cook-books, humor, etc.), music, movies, calendars, gift wrap, cards, gift items . . . anything in the store! Please feel free to copy vouchers and hand out to friends and family!!

Budget and Staff Review: November 8th at 7:00 pm

All church employees and committee chairpersons are invited to attend to discuss budget issues.

November Service Reminders:

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| Nov 5 | Nov 12 |
| Elder: Jeff Sapper | Elder: Deb Leonhard |
| Reading: William Dyke | Reading: Paul Swank |
| Flowers: The Mountains | Flowers: The Johnstons |
| Deacon: Billie Jo Belcher | Deacon: Billie Jo Belcher |
| Trustee: | Trustee: |
| Nursery: Sueann Robins | Nursery: Kathy Drapikowski |
| Nov 19 | Nov 26 (Communion) |
| Elder: Jeff Sapper | Elder: Paul Swank |
| Reading: Deb Leonhard | Reading: Jeff Sapper |
| Flowers: Bob Moskel | Flowers: Peg Wilson & girls |
| Deacon: Billie Jo Belcher | Deacon: Billie Jo Belcher |
| Trustee: | Trustee: |
| Nursery: Jennifer McVeigh | Nursery: Anne Croft |

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

BOOKFAIR VOUCHER

BENEFITING:
Doe Run Presbyterian Church

Location:

Barnes & Noble, Exton
301 Main Street
Exton, PA 19341
610-524-0103

Date/Time:

Fri.-Sun. Nov. 24-26, 2006

Present this voucher at the cash registers at the time of purchase. A percent of the net sale will be donated to the organization.

For Office Use Only:

Register #: _____ Transaction #: _____

Amount of sale before tax less purchase of Gift Cards, Membership Cards and café consumables:
\$ _____

The following transactions are not included in Bookfair totals: The purchase of Gift Cards, Membership cards, and café consumables.



Like to be creative and use the computer? How about serving as the next news-letter editor? Due to increased personal responsibilities, I will no longer be able to serve as editor. I am more than happy to teach anyone how to use a computer and Microsoft Publisher if they wish. In addition, I can assist with publishing and distribution of the letters. If interested, please call me at 484-639-1955 or email me at werpnst98@att.net and I will review everything with you for December's edition. Thanking you in advance for your assistance, *Billie Jo Belcher*

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